



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

*The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST
9 & 11:15 AM SERVICES
JANUARY 18, 2026

Prelude

Tim Baker, Guest Organist

Please stand if able
Processional

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn 7

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

(Organ)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo -
ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

(Organ)

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, _____
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 (Organ)
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illuminated by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

During 9 am service:

Children's Processional

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 490

First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
 But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God."
 And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,

Isaiah 49:1-7

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength--
 he says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
 Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 "Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand if able

Gradual

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymn 599

Remain standing

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated

Homily

The Rev. Candy Snively

Please stand if able

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able, kneel. Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand if able

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

BCP 360

Please be seated

Welcome & Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Agnus Dei (Sung in Latin)
St. Paul's Choir (9 am), Voices of St. Paul's (11:15 am)

Mark Sullivan

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Dona nobis pacem.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Grant us peace.*

Please stand if able while the offering is presented

Offertory Response

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The People remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, ____ heaven and earth are full ____ of your glo - ry.

Ho-san-na in the high - est. ____

(organ)

Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. ____

Ho-san-na in the high - est. ____

Please stand or kneel if able

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant then continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BCP 367

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you. If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.

A priest may be available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

The Communion Music

There is a Balm in Gilead How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Hymn 676

Hymn 497

Spiritual Communion Prayer

For those worshiping with us online

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Please stand or kneel if able

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

EOW 69

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Please stand if able

Recessional

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn 135

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

BCP 366

Postlude

Tim Baker, Guest Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Burnett by Bob Burnett.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month (TODAY!) at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

HAPPENING TODAY – JANUARY 18, 2026

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by our Racial Justice Planning Group. Join us for coffee and conversation on your way to the Adult Forum.

Adult Forum (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Join Fr. Robert for an interesting discussion on what we believe as Episcopalians titled "Three-Legged Stools, the Via Media, and Wippels: Everything Essential about the Anglican Way." This session is particularly recommended for adults who are considering confirmation and will be recorded.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Ed. Bldg): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): No meeting this evening; rest from our journey to Greensboro yesterday. Plan to join us next Sunday from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing for fun and fellowship.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preschool Registration is Open: St. Paul's Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2026-27 school year through January 31, or until the classes are full. We offer classes for one-year olds through five-year olds; more specific information is available on the St. Paul's website. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please email Preschool Director Brooke Bowersox at preschool@stpaulscary.org or call 919-467-3788. Tell your friends and neighbors we'd love to have them! Come LOVE, LEARN and LAUGH with us!

Adult Formation Series on Deepening and Renewal: All are invited to join our Epiphany and Lent forums aimed at deepening our grasp of what it means to be in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement and committed to our baptismal vows, the core of Christian life. Forums begin today at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel and will continue through the spring. Note that many of these sessions (two in January and our Lenten series) will be particularly useful for adults considering being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. If you would like more information about any of this, please contact Fr. Robert Fruehwirth at robert@stpaulscary.org.

Town of Cary MLK Dreamfest Interfaith Celebration: Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary is host for the annual Interfaith Martin Luther King Day service as part of the Town of Cary's 2026 Dreamfest. The service is today at 3:30 p.m. and features special music and an address from the Rev. Dr. Chelsea Yarborough. This year's theme focuses on voting rights and strengthening democracy. The event is open to the public; people of all faiths and nationalities are welcome.

Triangle MLK Day Breakfast Features the Rev. Jemonde Taylor: The 46th Annual Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Breakfast "Mission Possible: The Power of Justice and Radical Love" will feature a keynote address by the Rev. Jemonde Taylor, rector of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh. The event is Monday, Jan. 19 and is open to the public; doors open at 6 a.m., with breakfast served until 8 a.m. Program begins at 7:15 a.m. and is livestreamed on WRAL.

Memorial Garden Walkway Improvements: The St. Paul's Memorial Garden is a sacred and cherished place for prayer, remembrance, and quiet beauty—a space where many people come to honor loved ones, reflect, and find peace. The walkway to the garden is in need of revision and repairs to address safety and accessibility concerns. We are seeking donations to supplement a grant from the St. Paul's Endowment as we work on the best way to make these improvements. Gifts may be made through the online donations link or by check, indicating MG Walkway in the notes. Thank you for your support. If you have questions about this project, please contact John Goehrke at jtgoehrke@gmail.com.

Note in the Pocket Clothing Drive: St. Paul's Pre-EYC families (4th and 5th graders) are supporting Note in the Pocket with a month-long clothing drive, Jan 26 - Feb. 20. Bring new or gently used, school-appropriate clothing donations in all sizes, infant through adult; these drives clothe referred students and their entire families. New pants are among items currently needed. The dropbox and more information are in the narthex hallway. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Robinson at shannon3b@gmail.com.

Community Response Team Meeting Jan. 25: A Community Response Team formed last fall, following our formation series Love Your Immigrant Neighbor. This team supports those who are working in various community action groups, helping with material goods distribution as well as advocacy for human rights issues. The next meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Wing; all are welcome to join. Contact Lynn Tovar at lttovar@uwalumni.com with questions.

Altar Flower Dedications: The arrangements you see at our altar each week are funded by congregant donations to the Altar Guild Flower Fund and designed by our talented volunteers. You can reserve a day to celebrate or remember a loved one with a donation. More details about how to select a date can be found in the narthex and on the parish website; you can also learn more about the Altar Guild by contacting Jennifer Lindquist at jenniferlindquist@gmail.com.

Shop Together for NeighborUp on Feb. 8: St. Paul's is working with NeighborUp (formerly Dorcas Ministries) to move us into action together to support our neighbors in need. Following the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, Feb. 8, come shop at Food Lion (980 Kildaire Farm Rd.), guided by lists of needed items. After checking out, you'll place those items in trucks to be delivered directly to the pantry for you. What could be easier? Watch for more details in the next few weeks.

Prayer List: We pray for Lori, Guy, Noah, Sally, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Mary, Nancy, Susan, Ben, Patrick, Sarah, Dave, Chuck, Kay, Ron, Jack, Gary, Max, May, Bryan, Ariell, Josh, Becky, Allison, Jan, Bertha, Herman, Carl, Martha, Farley, Jeff, Susan, Debbi, Ron, Carolyn, Rick, Elizabeth, Myrna, Laura, Ken, Christine, Craig, Lana, Claudia, Steve, Karen, Jack, Wanda, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Sid, Mary Jo, Rebecca Elizabeth, Ralph, Suzanne, Ryan, Mark, Gary, Johnnie, Kelly, Jessica, Hillary, Sydenna, Vera, Sheri, Darren, and Craig.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Regina Wilson, mother of Chris Wilson.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.

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